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In the Specification

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the paragraph on page 18 which begins on line 7 and ends on line 15 as follows:

The R38 peptide was dissolved in the coupling buffer (0.2M NaHCO₃, 0.5M NaCl, pH 8.3) in a concentration of 1 mg/ml in 5 ml coupling buffer. A 5 ml N-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS)-activated SepharoseTM High Performance Column (Pharmacia 17-0717-01, highly cross linked 4% agarose) is used. The isopropanol in the column was washed out from the column with 30 ml of cold (4.degree. C.) 1 mM HCl and 5 ml of the peptide solution was then injected onto the column with a syringe (2.5 ml/minute). The column was sealed and stood for 30 minutes at room temperature. The column was then washed with 30 ml Buffer A (0.5 M ethanolamine, 0.5 M NaCl, pH 8.3) and 30 ml Buffer B (0.5 M acetate, 0.5 M NaCl, pH 4) consecutively three times, and then with neutral pH buffer (0.05 M Na₂HPO₄ and 0.1% NaN₃).